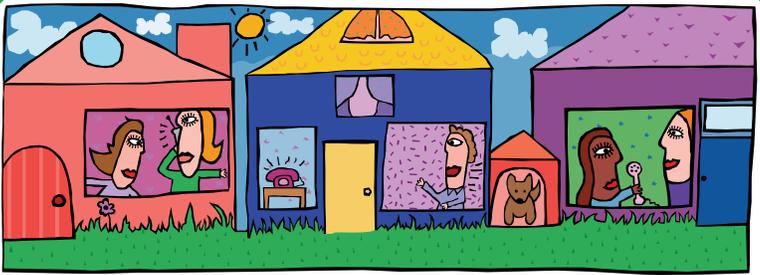


MARQUETTE COUNTY

# Parent PACT

TOGETHER WE CAN



## Parents/Guardians who believe in:

- The power of modeling positive behaviors
- Being a safe and trusted adult rather than a cool peer to a child or youth
- Providing a safe environment whenever children and youth are present.
- Ensuring that others in the home uphold these standards.



## Parent-to-parent communication is a good thing!

- Open up lines of communication with other parents to ensure that plans are mutually understood and agreeable by exchanging phone numbers and email.
- Communicate about and respect an individual parent's expectations for his/her child when the child is under your supervision.
- Discuss concerns or issues to the appropriate parent.



## As parents, we agree to:

- Actively supervise all gatherings of youth in our home or on our property, and/or ask another responsible adult to help do so.
- Keep our firearms locked, unloaded and separate from ammunition as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- Monitor television, movie, video game, Internet and cellphone use.
- Encourage responsible driving habits (including but not limited to motor vehicles, bicycles and recreational vehicles).
- Not allow the possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs (including over-the-counter and non-prescribed prescription medication) by youth in our home or on our property.
- Not tolerate bullying. Bullying is defined as intentionally aggressive behavior that can take many forms (verbal, physical, social/relational/emotional, or cyber bullying - or any combination of these).
- Not permit any form of sexual violence/assault. Sexual violence/assault is any verbal, visual, written/typed, or physical act that breaks someone's sense of trust and/or safety and is sexual in nature. It is also any sexual contact or intercourse without the person's consent.
- Serve as a positive role model for youth in our lives.



# Conversation starters . . .

"This might seem really awkward to talk about, but I wanted to ask you about the Parent Pact..."

"Between work and my family life, I feel like it's hard to keep tabs on everything my child is doing. I think this Parent Pact is really going to help. Have you heard of it...?"

"Have you heard of the Parent Pact?"

"Do you have any house rules" or "What are your house rules?"

"My family has a family rule about . . . . Are there any rules for your children while they are at our house?"

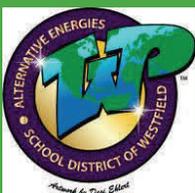
"I have a sort of guide to share with you about house rules for our kids. Would you look at it with me?"

"I'd like to be on the same page when our kids are together at your house or mine. Can we talk about it?"

"I'm such a worry wart. Kids can get into so much harmful stuff these days."

"Hi! I'm \_\_\_\_\_'s mom. I just want to meet you."

"I heard about this at PTO. Got a minute?"



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